GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2496
ANSWERED ON:04.12.2002
PASSPORT TO AN AIDE OF MAFIA DON
PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH;RAVI PRAKASH VERMA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Regional Passport Office, Delhi, had issued a passport to an aide of Mafia Don as reported in the Hindustan Times dated June 26, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the outcome thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)
(a) Yes.
(b) O.P. Singh had applied for passport to Regional Passport Office Delhi on November 7, 2001. A passport was issued to him on December 3, 2001.
(c) - (f) An inquiry within the department has been conducted which has revealed that while police records indicate that `not residing` report was sent in respect of Shri Singhthe computer entry in the Passport Office showed a clear police report. The inquiry concluded that a deliberate act of feeding false entry in the computer had been made in the Passport office. The case is being investigated by the Crime Branch, Delhi Police.